

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect the national stage status and to correct minor errors.

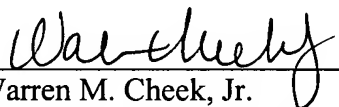
In addition, Figures 8 and 9 have been amended and new replacement sheets are submitted concurrently herewith. In Figure 8, "c)" has been deleted. In Figure 9, "b)" has been deleted.

Regarding the claims, the claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies in order to reduce the PTO filing fee.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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